

## Office of the Secretary of Defense

## § 21.510

### **§ 21.450 What are the requirements for a termination of a grants officer's or agreements officer's appointment?**

A termination of a grants officer's or agreements officer's authority:

(a) Must be in writing, unless the written statement of appointment provides for automatic termination.

(b) May not be retroactive.

(c) May be integrated into a written termination of the individual's appointment as a contracting officer, as appropriate.

### **§ 21.455 Who can sign, administer, or terminate assistance instruments?**

Only grants officers are authorized to sign, administer, or terminate grants or cooperative agreements (other than technology investment agreements) on behalf of the Department of Defense. Similarly, only agreements officers may sign, administer, or terminate technology investment agreements.

### **§ 21.460 What is the extent of grants officers' and agreements officers' authority?**

Grants officers and agreements officers may bind the Government only to the extent of the authority delegated to them in their written statements of appointment (*see* § 21.445).

### **§ 21.465 What are grants officers' and agreements officers' responsibilities?**

Grants officers and agreements officers should be allowed wide latitude to exercise judgment in performing their responsibilities, which are to ensure that:

(a) Individual awards are used effectively in the execution of DoD programs, and are made and administered in accordance with applicable laws, Executive orders, regulations, and DoD policies.

(b) Sufficient funds are available for obligation.

(c) Recipients of awards receive impartial, fair, and equitable treatment.

## **Subpart E—Information Reporting on Awards Subject to 31 U.S.C. Chapter 61**

### **§ 21.500 What is the purpose of this subpart?**

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for compiling and reporting data related to DoD awards and programs that are subject to information reporting requirements of 31 U.S.C. chapter 61. That chapter of the U.S. Code requires the Office of Management and Budget to maintain a Governmentwide information system to collect data on Federal agencies' domestic assistance awards and programs.

### **§ 21.505 What is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)?**

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a Governmentwide compilation of information about domestic assistance programs. It covers all domestic assistance programs and activities, regardless of the number of awards made under the program, the total dollar value of assistance provided, or the duration. In addition to programs using grants and agreements, covered programs include those providing assistance in other forms, such as payments in lieu of taxes or indirect assistance resulting from Federal operations.

### **§ 21.510 Why does the DoD report information to the CFDA?**

The Federal Program Information Act (31 U.S.C. 6101 through 6106), as implemented through OMB Circular A-89,<sup>4</sup> requires the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies to provide certain information about their domestic assistance programs to the OMB and the General Services Administration (GSA). The GSA makes this information available to the public by publishing it in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) and maintaining the Federal Assistance Programs Retrieval System, a computerized data base of the information.

<sup>4</sup>See footnote 3 to § 21.300(b).